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1. FOLLOWING THE LEFT'S IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, THE SOCIALIST-ORIENTED CFDT AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT THE COMMUNIST-LED CGT, HAVE BEEN ON THE VERBAL OFFENSIVE, CALLING FOR TRIPARTITE NEGOTIATIONS ON WAGES AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND DENOUNCING THE BARRE PLAN. THE GOVERNMENT, FOR ITS PART, HAS KEPT A LOW PROFILE, APPARENTLY WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF A SCHEDULED MARCH 28 STRATEGY SESSION BETWEEN THE CGT AND THE CFDT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THERE ARE OPEN REPORTS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO FEDERATIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED.

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2. IN THE MEANTIME, CFDT GENERAL SECRETARY MAIRE GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN A WORKER-OCCUPIED ALSATIAN AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM. IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS, WHICH WERE STUDDED WITH ALLUSION TO THE CLASS STRUGGLE, AND THE NEED TO BUILD SOCIALISM WITH AUTOGESTION, TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE HOURS OF WORK, AND FOR THE

UNIONS TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE LEFT-CONTROLLED MUNICIPALITIES, MAIRE DECLAIRED: "...THAT TO WAIT PASSIVELY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS WOULD BE DANGEROUS, EVEN SUICIDAL, FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT AS WELL AS FOR THE LEFT...." HE THEN SIGNALLED THAT THIS LAST MESSAGE WAS DIRECTED BOTH AT THE FEN TEACHERS FEDERATION (WHICH HAD JOINED WITH THE CFDT AND CGT IN SUPPORTING THE LEFT ELECTORALLY BUT WHICH NOW WISHES TO GO SLOW) AND AT THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE OUVRIERE (SEE REF).

3. MAIRE'S STATEMENTS CAME AT A TIME OF A CONFUSING AND POSSIBLY MISLEADING LABOR SCENE. THE CGT HAS CALLED FOR, AND WILL PROBABLY GET, A NATION-WIDE DOCKER'S STRIKE ON SATURDAY OVER A LEGITIMATE TRADE UNION ISSUE (SEE SEPTTEL); THE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE PUBLIC AND NATIONALIZED SECTORS ARE OBSCURED BY POSTURING AMONGST THE UNIONS; THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF MINOR STRIKES; AND A VARIETY OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING BOTH MAIRE AND FORCE OUVRIERE GENERAL SECRETARY BERGERON HAVE ALLUDED TO "EXPLOSIVE FORCES" BEING BOTTLED UP BY THE BARRE PLAN. DESPITE THIS, MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE RANKAND FILE ARE--OR AT LEAST SEEM TO BE--MORE RELAXED ABOUT THINGS THAN EITHER THEIR LEADERS OR THE PRESS; AND THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS UNPROVOKED LABOR UNREST IS SMALL.

5. IT IS CERTAIN THAT ANY OUTBREAK OF SERIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LABOR TROUBLE WOULD BE UNWELCOME TO THE POLITICAL LEFT. EVEN MAIRE, FOR ALL HIS RHETORIC HAS WARNED ABOUT THE NEED TO AVOID ANY "DRAMATICS" WHICH MIGHT PLAY INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS. BUT SOME OF MAIRE'S OWN STATEMENTS, AND MORE IMPORTANT STILL THE SELECTIVE PUBLICITY THEY ARE GETTING, MUST BE CAUSING HIS POLITICAL ALLIES DISCOMFORT IF NOT ACTUAL PAIN. (AND IT MAY BE NO ACCIDENT THAT ON THE HEELS OF MAIRE'S PRESS CONFERENCE, CGT SECRETARY GENERAL SEGUY IS HURREDLY CALLING ONE OF HIS OWN.) MAIRE IS KNOWN TO BE HAVING PROBLEMS KEEPING HIS OWN LEFT-WING IN LINE, AND THIS MAY HELP EXPLAIN WHY HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS COME OUT THE WAY THEY DO. SEGUY, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS NO REELECTION WORRIES, AND WHAT HE HAS TO SAY WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST. GAMMON

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